

KEY SUGESSTIONS ON THE FCR- Bill, 2010

S.N	Issue	Clause in FCR Bill, 2010	Suggestion
1.	Process of Registration (Clause 12)	A sub-clause has been added that if the central government deems it fit to register a person making an application, it may do so within 90 days of receiving the application. If permission is not given within 90 days, the central government has to give reasons in writing. - A person shall not be eligible for permission if the certificate has been suspended and such suspension continues till the date of making the application.	Registration status of any organisation should be continued unless it attracts penal provisions. The erring organisation should be show cased before cancellation of its FCRA. The entire process should be carried out transparently.
2.	Use of foreign contribution for speculative business (Clause 8)	A sub-clause has been added allowing the central government to specify businesses or activities that may be classified as speculative.	In the clauses mentioned in the FCR Bill 2010, We urge the need of transparency of data related to these clauses and mention specific time lines.
3.	Notifying an organization of a political nature (Clause 5)	A sub-clause has been added providing a time-limit within which the central government has to make the order. The order has to be made within 120 days of giving a notice to the concerned organization. If the order is not made within 120 days, the central government has to give reasons in writing and can then make the order within a further period of 60 days.	
4.	Renewals of the certificate of grant	The central government shall renew the certificate within a period of 90 days from the date it receives the application. If renewal is not done within 90 days, the reasons for the same shall be communicated to the applicant. Renewal can be refused on grounds of violating the provisions of the Bill or rules made under it.	In case of cancellation the central government must have public disclosure of the reason for cancellation and there should be a right to appeal.